

MANAGING COMMITTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR APRIL 2008 – MARCH 2009

To,
The Members,

We have pleasure in presenting the report for the year 2008-2009

1. Membership

During the year the following member banks merged/amalgamated with other member banks as detailed below:

- Centurion Bank of Punjab Limited amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited. (May 2008)
- State Bank of Saurashtra was merged with State Bank of India. (August 2008)

Following three new members have been admitted:

- The Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Limited (November 2008)
- UBS AG (November 2008)
- First Rand Bank Limited (April 2009)

After this, the membership of the Association, as on the date of the report stands at 90.

1. Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank Limited
2. ABN AMRO Bank N V
3. Allahabad Bank
4. Andhra Bank
5. AB Bank Limited
6. Abhyudaya Co-operative Bank Limited
7. Antwerp Diamond Bank N V
8. AXIS Bank Limited
9. Bank of America NT & SA
10. Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait B.S.C.
11. Bank of Baroda
12. Bank of Ceylon
13. Bank of India
14. Bank of Maharashtra
15. Bank of Nova Scotia
16. The Bank of Rajasthan Limited
17. The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Limited
18. The Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Limited
19. BNP Paribas
20. Barclays Bank p l c
21. Bombay Mercantile Co-op. Bank Limited
22. Calyon Bank
23. Canara Bank

24. The Catholic Syrian Bank Limited
25. Central Bank of India
26. Chinatrust Commercial Bank
27. Citibank N A
28. City Union Bank Limited
29. Corporation Bank
30. The Cosmos Co-operative Bank Limited
31. Dena Bank
32. Deutsche Bank AG
33. DBS Bank Limited
34. Development Credit Bank Limited
35. The Dhanalakshmi Bank Limited
36. Export-Import Bank of India
37. The Federal Bank Limited
38. First Rand Bank Limited
39. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
40. HDFC Bank Limited
41. ICICI Bank Limited
42. Indian Bank
43. Indian Overseas Bank
44. IndusInd Bank Limited
45. IDBI Bank Limited
46. Industrial Finance Corporation of India
47. ING Vysya Bank Limited
48. JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.
49. The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited
50. JSC VTB Bank
51. The Kalupur Commercial Co-operative Bank Limited
52. The Karnataka Bank Limited
53. The Karur Vysya Bank Limited
54. The Shamrao Vithal Co-operative Bank Limited
55. The Surat People's Co-operative Bank Limited
56. Krung Thai Bank Public Company Limited
57. Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
58. The Lakshmi Vilas Bank Limited
59. The Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank Limited
60. MashreqBank p s c
61. Mizuho Corporate Bank Limited
62. Oman International Bank S.A.O.G.
63. Oriental Bank of Commerce
64. Punjab National Bank
65. Punjab & Sind Bank
66. The Saraswat Co-op Bank Limited
67. SBI Commercial & International Bank Limited
68. Shinhan Bank
69. Small Industries Development Bank of India
70. Societe Generale
71. Sonali Bank Limited
72. The South Indian Bank Limited

73. Standard Chartered Bank
74. State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur
75. State Bank of Hyderabad
76. State Bank of India
77. State Bank of Indore
78. State Bank of Mauritius Limited
79. State Bank of Mysore
80. State Bank of Patiala
81. State Bank of Travancore
82. Syndicate Bank
83. Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited
84. Thomas Cook (I) Limited
85. UCO Bank
86. UBS AG
87. Union Bank of India
88. United Bank of India
89. Vijaya Bank
90. YES Bank Limited

2. Meetings

The Association has been holding periodic Managing Committee and Technical Sub-Committee meetings both on policy and on operational matters. The number of meetings held during the year is as under:

	<u>No. of meetings held</u>
Managing Committee	9
Technical Sub-Committees	
a. Forex Markets	8
b. Trade & other transactions	5
c. Advisory Committee	1
d. Guidance Committee	1
e. Renovation Committee	5
f. Special Committee	3
FIMMDA – Meeting with Member Banks	1
Special meeting of member banks on conducting One Week Orientation Workshops (OWOW) on Foreign Exchange Subjects.	1

3. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

RBI holds periodic consultations with FEDAI on various issues relating to forex market, trade related transactions and remittances. Brief details of some of the major issues discussed are given below:

a) Review of the Annual Policy Statement for the year 2008-2009

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Additional Vice Chairman and the Chief Executive participated, by invitation, in the meetings convened by Reserve Bank of India on the eve of the announcement of Governor's Annual Policy Statement and subsequent reviews.

b) Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC) constituted by RBI.

The Chief Executive has been appointed as a member of the reconstituted Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of RBI on Money, Foreign Exchange and Government Securities Markets.

c) RBI User Consultative Group

As a member of the RBI's User Consultative Group, the Deputy Chief Executive attended from time to time the meetings of the Group convened by RBI, which generally discuss operational issues on various types of forex businesses and products.

d) Pre-Policy Consultation Meeting convened by Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Pre-Policy Consultation Meeting convened by RBI in respect of Mid-Term review was attended by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive in July 2008, September 2008, January 2009 and April 2009. Representatives from FIMMDA and PDAI were also invited by RBI for these meetings.

e) Working Group on Term Money Market

RBI has set up a Working Group on Term Money Market with representatives from banks, Securities and Exchange Board of India, non-banking institutions, Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India, FEDAI, Association of Mutual Funds in India, and Primary Dealers Association of India to review the development of the Term Money Market in India and to identify reasons inhibiting its growth, and to suggest measures for creating an active term money and term repo market. Shri.Chandan Sinha, Chief General Manager, RBI is the convener of this Working Group. Shri Shivaji Sen, Deputy Chief Executive, as a member of the Working Group, attended the meetings convened by RBI.

f) Internal Control Guidelines over Foreign Exchange Business (ICG) – Formation of Group for updation

Reserve Bank of India have advised us that, in view of the developments in the markets over the years and international developments, there is a need to update and capture latest developments in the ICG. Reserve Bank of India has formed a Group consisting of representatives from select banks, FEDAI and FIMMDA to update the ICG. The Group is headed by

Shri D Mishra, Chief General Manager, FED. The Chief Executive, represents FEDAI in the Group. FEDAI subsequently held a few meetings with member banks, on the basis of which our recommendations to Reserve Bank of India have since been submitted.

g) Rupee Export Credit Interest Rates – Interest Rate Subvention

This scheme was originally confined to scheduled commercial banks. At the request of our Co-operative Bank members, your association took up strongly with Reserve Bank of India as well as with IBA for inclusion of Co-op. Banks in the scheme. We are happy to state that in the budget proposed by the Honourable Finance Minister for 2009-10, this category of banks has also been included in the scheme.

18th December 2008 –

Hedging of Freight Risk by Oil and Shipping Companies

Reserve Bank of India, Forex Market Division, Foreign Exchange Department, Central Office, through FEDAI, convened a meeting on 18th December 2008. It was attended by Deputy Chief Executive and a few member banks to discuss hedging of Freight Risk by oil and shipping companies.

4. Others

Draft Guidelines on Prudential Norms for Off Balance Sheet exposure of banks

A meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee (Forex Market) was held on 9th June 2008 to discuss the above matter. Earlier FIMMDA held a meeting of its members on 5th June 2008 (at our office) where the said draft Guidelines were discussed. The views and recommendations that emerged during these meetings have since been conveyed to Reserve Bank of India.

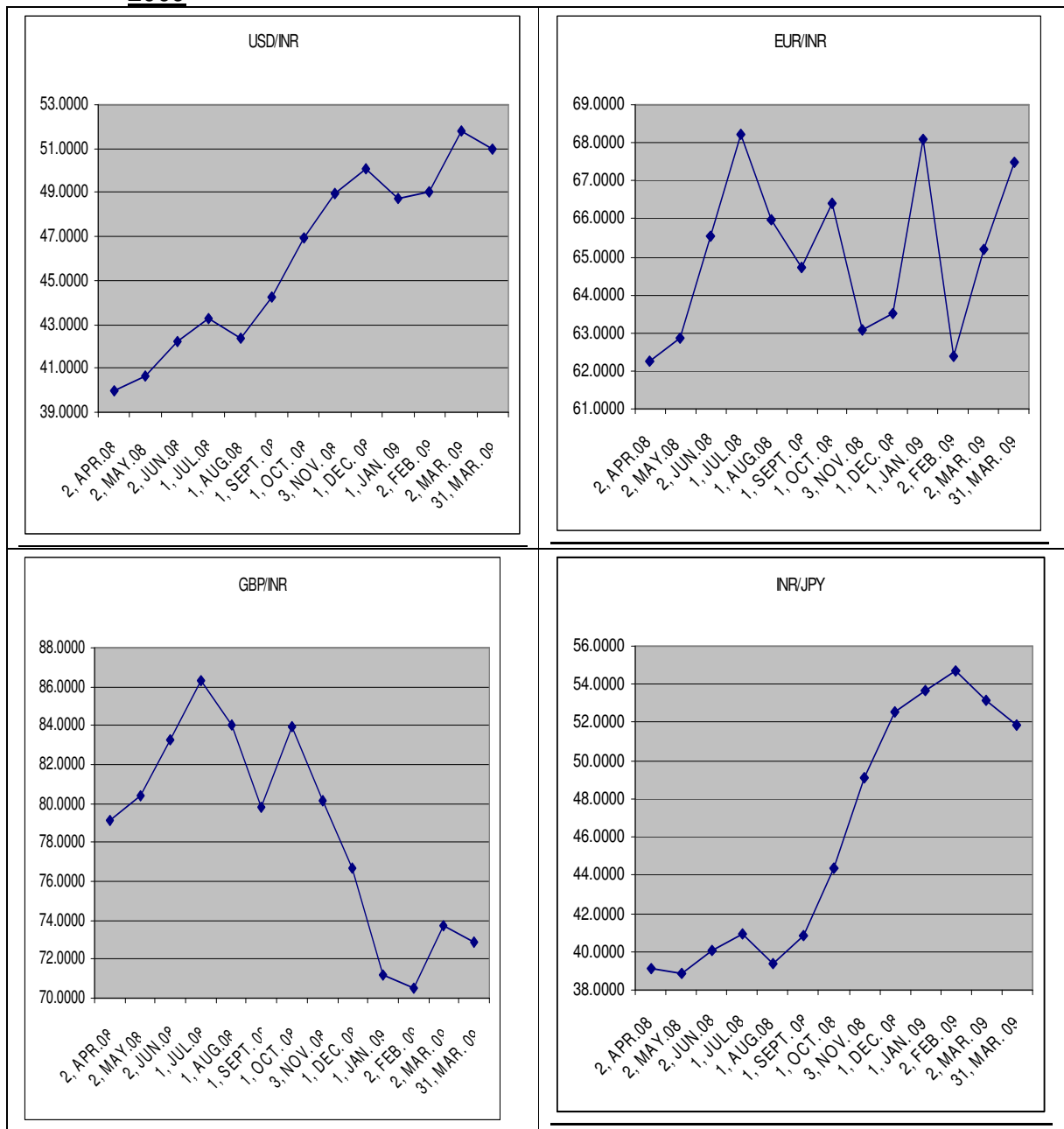
Efforts to educate the users of forex derivative contracts

Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in consultation with the Ministry of Finance (MoF) intend to educate the users of forex derivative contracts through publication of FAQs and conducting of seminars. FEDAI was requested by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to prepare jointly with Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India (FIMMDA), material on “Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)” on derivatives covering various provisions, intricacies and inherent risks related to forex derivative contracts. FEDAI jointly with FIMMDA organised two meetings of a few member banks who are active in the derivative markets and finalised the draft of FAQs.

The FAQs prepared jointly by FEDAI and FIMMDA have been forwarded to Reserve Bank of India during February 2009.

5. Forex Market

a. Movement of Rupee against major currencies – April 2008 to March 2009



6. Exchange Traded Currency Futures

The Currency Futures Segment at National Stock Exchange of India Limited, Bombay Stock Exchange and MCX Stock Exchange went live on 29th August 2008, 1st October 2008 and 7th October 2008 respectively.

Prior to the launch of the product and in consultation with FEDAI, NSE brought out a co-branded publication, on Currency Futures. It is essentially a primer on Currency Futures for beginners and will help them in preparing for the Certification examination.

The Chief Executive and the Deputy Chief Executive have been associated with the seminars organised by NSE and MCX-SX at various centres, from time to time, to disseminate knowledge about this new product.

7. Guidance Committee Meeting – Meeting held on 9th April 2008

A Guidance Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday the 9th April 2008 at FEDAI Conference Room. Shri K Venkataraman, Chairman, FEDAI chaired the meeting. The Vice Chairman was also present. Shri Abdully Mecklai, President, Shri Sundip R Atit, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer and other office bearers of Foreign Exchange Brokers' Association of India were present at the meeting. The Chairman appreciated the role played by the accredited forex brokers in the growth of the market and advised them to abide strictly by FEDAI's Code of Conduct.

8. Meetings of sub-committee of SLBC for Export Promotion

a) Bank of Baroda, Regional Office, Kanpur under the aegis of SLBC, held an Exporters' Meet at Kanpur on 10th February 2009. The meeting was attended by the two Executive Directors of Bank of Baroda, executives from their Lucknow Zonal Office. Officers from various Government Department and Bodies, Banks etc. The Chief Executive attended the meeting by invitation and addressed the participants. About 180 exporters, representing a cross-section of the fraternity including top exporters and exporters' organizations of U.P. and Uttarakhand participated. The meeting was covered widely by the print and electronic media.

b) The 5th meeting of Sub-Committee of SLBC for Export Promotion was convened by Dena Bank at Ahmedabad on 15th May 2008 at 12.30 p.m. Shri Bhaskar Sen, the Executive Director of Dena Bank chaired the Meeting. Shri T R Chawla and Shri Paresh Kumar, General Managers of Dena Bank were present. The meeting was attended by the Officials from Export Organisations, Bankers, Reserve Bank of India, FEDAI, ECGC and Exim Bank. The issues were mainly focused on the charges levied by the Correspondent Banks, restricted coverage by ECGC for exports to a few African Countries, lack of knowledge of the desk level officers handling the forex transactions, exports to Iran etc. Shri R Krishnamurthy, Vice President, FEDAI attended the meeting.

9. Banking Sub-Group (BSG) under Indo-Bangladesh Joint Business Council (IBJBC)

7th Meeting of the Banking Sub-Group (BSG) under Indo-Bangladesh Joint Business Council (IBJBC) took place on 7th January 2009 at Mumbai. Shri K Venkataraman, General Manager (Marketing), State Bank of India, (our Chairman), as the Group Head, BSG (India) apprised the members that IBJBC was a Standing forum for addressing largely the problems and issues surfacing in the conduct of cross border trade between the two countries. The BSG deliberated on the problems of delay and non-payment of claims and strategies for speedier settlement of issues. The Chief Executive and Mr S G S Manian, OSD attended the meeting.

10. FEDAI Annual Conference – 10-11, January 2009 at Kolkata

The 4th Annual Conference of FEDAI was held on Saturday, the 10th and Sunday, the 11th January 2009 at Vedic Village, Kolkata. 84 delegates attended the Conference.

The Conference was inaugurated by Shrimathi Shyamala Gopinath, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India on Saturday the 10th January 2009. In her opening remarks, she mentioned about the unprecedented meltdown witnessed in the financial markets the world over. In her thought provoking address, she dwelt upon several lessons derived from the crisis, pertinent to regulators, as well as financial markets and market infrastructure.

Some of the significant issues raised in her address were:

- i) “What is the role of the financial system in an economy vis-a-vis the real sector? If the financial sector exists, as traditionally conceived, to intermediate financial resources for optimal channelisation to productive sectors, then over the last few years the script has gone terribly bad.”
- ii) “The importance of containing systemic leverage has been underlined”.
- iii) “There is, therefore, need for limits, prudential safeguards and adequate capital to support the risks. It is also necessary to understand the substance of a product and not merely the nomenclature”.
- iv) “The increasing focus on holistic approach towards regulation of financial entities is a welcome change from the view that allowed a growing proportion of products and participants to go unregulated on the ground that they had no systemic impact”.

Building on these and similarly related issues, the address also touched upon the Indian markets, the recent developments and ended in the context of selling of complex products, with a reference to the use of “choice architecture” advocated by Richard Thaler and Cass Sunstein in their book “Nudge”. In this context of selling of complex products, she also urged FEDAI to suggest a suitable framework that is both practicable and implementable, while ensuring the best interest of all stakeholders.

This address was followed by an interesting panel discussion on “Derivatives and the Way Forward”. The panelists were Mr. Anjan Barua, CGM, Global Markets, SBI, Ms. Chitra Ramakrishna, Deputy Managing Director, NSE, Mr.U. Venkataraman, Chief Executive Officer, MCX-SX, Mr. Rahul Choudhuri, Manager – Treasury, ITC Limited and the discussions were moderated by our Chief Executive, Mr. R. N. Vadivelu. The next day, on the 11th January, there was an equally interesting panel discussion on “Prospects of Indian Exports in the current scenario”. The panelists were Mr. K. S. Harshan, Executive Director, Federal Bank Limited, Mr. Saugata Bhattacharya, Vice President and Chief Economist, Axis Bank Limited, Mr. Sudhakar Kasture, Director, Exim Institute. The discussions were moderated by Prof. H. K. Pradhan, Professor of Finance & Economics, XLRI, Jamshedpur. The business sessions came to an end with an address by Mr. Salim Gangadharan, CGM-in-charge, FED, RESERVE BANK OF INDIA. All the business sessions witnessed active interfaces by the audience.

11. Euromoney Seminars

Euromoney had their 2nd Annual Derivatives Summit at Mumbai on 22nd and 23rd October 2008. The Deputy Chief Executive participated, by invitation, in a Panel Discussion on Currency Futures on 22nd October, 2008.

12. Indian Banks’ Association (IBA)

a) Monetary Policy Meetings

The Chief Executive, being member of the Monetary Policy Group of Indian Banks’ Association (IBA) attended the meetings convened by IBA in June 2008, January 2009 and March 2009.

b) Conclave of Indian Banking Vision 2010 – 1st August 2008

Indian Banks’ Association had organised the above programme on 1st August 2008 at Hotel Grand Hyatt, Mumbai. Shri V Leeladhar, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India addressed the delegates. The Panel discussions were on (a) “Business & Systemic Justification for consolidation”, (b) “Market forces and Consolidation” and (c) “Changing Global Regulatory Standards”. Senior Executives from Reserve Bank of India, Banks, Corporates and Institutions were in the panel. The Chief Executive attended by invitation.

c) ‘Banking Pension Summit’ – IBA-Birla Sun Life Insurance Co. Ltd.

Indian Banks’ Association jointly with Birla Sun Life Insurance Co. Limited organised the above programme on 12th August 2008 at Hotel Trident, Mumbai. Various eminent speakers addressed the participants. The Chief Executive addressed the participants on “Challenges for investment in pension funds”.

13. Forex Association of India (FAI)

Forex Association of India, held their 19th Annual Forex Assembly between 15th and 17th August 2008 at Macau. The Chief Executive and Shri R Krishnamurthy, Vice President attended the event on invitation by Forex Association of India and Foreign Exchange Brokers' Association respectively. The Deputy Chief Executive and Shri Suchit S Pai, Assistant Vice President attended as delegates.

14. Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India (FIMMDA)

As in the past, we have been working closely with FIMMDA in areas of common interest. The Annual Conference of FIMMDA at Kochi was attended by the Chief Executive in March 2009.

15. World Bank

A team of 4 officials from The World Bank visited our office on Tuesday the 21st October 2008. To know the intricacies of the newly introduced Exchange Traded Currency Futures product in the FOREX market. Shri K Venkataraman, (GM, State Bank of India), Chairman, FEDAI welcomed the representatives of The World Bank. Dr. K Ramakrishnan, Chief Executive, Indian Banks' Association, Mr C E S Azariah, Chief Executive, FIMMDA attended by invitation and spoke on the occasion. Few member banks participated in the deliberations.

16. The Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL)

CCIL had convened a meeting of member banks on 12th September 2008 to discuss Guaranteed Forex Forward Settlement which was attended by Shri S G S Manian, Officer on Special Duty, FEDAI. The deliberations of this meeting were placed before the Managing Committee at its meeting held on 1st October 2008.

Forex Forward Settlement

CCIL in collaboration with FEDAI had arranged a meeting of all member banks on Tuesday the 4th November 2008 to apprise them on the advantage of the product. Over 60 participants from member banks attended the meeting. Shri G Padmanabhan, Chief General Manager, Department of Payments and Settlement Systems, Reserve Bank of India, addressed the participants.

Review of Methodology for Volatility Margin and Margin Factor

CCIL had convened a meeting of the user group of Forex segment on 15th October 2008 wherein the issue of margin factors and revised methodology for imposition and withdrawal of volatility margin in forex segment was discussed. Shri K Sankara Narayanan, Vice President attended the meeting.

17. Foreign Exchange Brokers' Association of India (FEBAI) Training for brokers

FEDAI jointly with NSE had arranged an Orientation Workshop, exclusively for accredited Forex Brokers, on 'Exchange Traded Currency Futures' on 20th August 2008. It was attended by 35 participants drawn from 20 Forex Brokers.

18. National Institute of Bank Management (NIBM)

As in the past FEDAI has been extending its faculty support to NIBM for their training programmes on International Banking and Trade Finance.

19. FEDAI Local Committee Meetings

FEDAI Local Committee, Chennai

The Annual General Meeting of FEDAI Local Committee at Chennai was held on Saturday the 14th February 2009. Chief Executive attended the meeting and discussed the current development in the market. The Chief Executive had also conducted the election of the FEDAI Local Committee, Chennai for the year 2008-2009. The following is the outcome of the unanimous election:

Indian Overseas Bank	..	Chairman
Indian Bank	..	Vice Chairman
State Bank of India	..	Co-opted Member
Central Bank of India	..	Member
UCO Bank	..	Member
Punjab National Bank	..	Member
HDFC Bank Limited	..	Member
Standard Chartered Bank	..	Member

FEDAI continues to receive valuable inputs and suggestions from the Local Committees on various guidelines of Reserve Bank of India and other agencies, duly discussed at the Local Committee meetings.

20. International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Paris

a) ICC Uniform Rules for Bank – to – Bank Reimbursements under Documentary Credits – Updated ICC Brochure No.725

We are informed by ICC Commission on Banking Technique and Practice, that ICC's Uniform Rules for Bank-to-Bank Reimbursement under Documentary Credits (URR) have recently been updated to bring these long standing rules in conformity with UCP 600. The updated text – URR 725 which has been approved at the ICC Banking Commission meeting held in April 2008 has come into effect from 1st October 2008.

Reserve Bank of India, Foreign Exchange Department, Central Office, Mumbai in terms of their letter No.FE.CO.FMD.8539/02.03.78A/2008-09 dated September 25, 2008 have advised us their no-objection to our member banks subscribing to ICC Uniform Rules for Bank-to-Bank Reimbursements under Documentary Credits (URR), ICC Brochure No.725 with effect from 1st October 2008 strictly complying with FEMA Regulations while applying URR 725. This has been conveyed to our member banks in September 2008.

URR 725 contains a number of technical changes from the existing version, URR 525. Some of the changes introduced are in respect of Article 1, 6, 9 and 11 (of URR 525).

b) ICC Banking Commission Meetings

- i) As approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting held on 1st October 2008 the Chief Executive attended the meeting of ICC Commission on Banking Technique and Practice at Paris, on 23rd and 24th October 2008.
- ii) With the approval of the Managing Committee Shri S G S Manian, OSD, attended the meeting of ICC Commission on Banking Technique and Practice at Dubai on 10-12, March 2009.

21. Proposed Revision of URDG – 458

The Drafting Group set up by ICC Commission on Banking Technique and Practice to review revision of URDG 458 had submitted its 1st, 2nd and 3rd comprehensive drafts of the revised URDG. These drafts were discussed at FEDAI's Technical Sub-Committee (Trade and Other transactions) meetings and their views on the drafts were placed before the Managing Committee at its meeting held on 17th May 2008, 15th November 2008 and 28th February 2009 respectively and were sent to ICC, Paris.

22. ICC India, New Delhi

The Chief Executive attended the ICC India Executive Committee meeting on 28th August 2008 at New Delhi. Dr. Suman Bery, Director General,

National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) addressed the members on “State of the Indian Economy”. Particulars of forthcoming ICC events and ICC Policy statements were also discussed.

The Executive Committee meeting of ICC India was held on Friday the 16th January 2009 at New Delhi which was attended by Chairman and Chief Executive. At the request of ICC India, New Delhi, Dr. Rakesh Mohan, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India spoke on “Global Economic Meltdown and its Impact on India”. Our Chairman mentioned in the meeting about forming a Sub-Group within ICC India for focusing on international trade and finance related issues.

The Chief Executive attended the ICC INDIA – Executive Committee Meeting and Annual General Meeting at New Delhi on Friday the 20th March 2009. Executive Committee Meeting was addressed by Shri R. V. Kanoria, President, ICC INDIA and Shri Gopalan, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Government of India. 78th Annual General Meeting was also held on that day.

ICC India has constituted a Task Force on Commission on Banking Technique and Practice under the Chairmanship of Shri K. Venkataraman, Chairman, FEDAI (General Manager – Marketing, State Bank of India). The Task Force will meet periodically to formulate ICC INDIA’s views on issues of importance to Indian business and bankers.

23. Summer Placement

One student from Welingkar Institute of Management and Research, Mumbai was selected in 2008 as Summer Trainee for a period of 2 months. The trainee submitted his project report on “Trends and Future Prospects of India’s Exports in Services”.

24. Income Tax Liability

The Managing Committee, at its meeting held on 1st October 2008 noted that pursuant to certain amendments made to the Income Tax Act 1961, in September 2008, FEDAI is now liable to pay income tax on certain revenue streams and in the event the income (excess of income over expenditure) is higher than the threshold level (Rs.5,000/-), then advance tax is to be paid. Income tax of Rs. 1,39,761/- (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty One only) for the year 2008-09 has accordingly been paid.

25. Internal Audit

There is a system in place for monitoring quarterly expenditure and any major variances in the expenditure are duly reported.

26. FEDAI Workshop – Annual Trainers’ Meet

The Annual Trainers’ Meet was held on the 19th July 2008 for reviewing and finalising the modalities for conducting the XIX series of FEDAI One-Week Orientation Workshops for the year 2008-2009. 27 officials from International Divisions as well as Training Centres from 22 nominated member banks attended. The Guidelines for conducting the XIX Series of FEDAI One-week Orientation Workshop were finalised. Taking into account rising costs for printing of study materials, and other related expenses, the fees for participation for the 6 day workshop was unanimously increased to Rs.7,500/-. Workshops under XIX Series are expected to commence from 15th November 2008. It is proposed to conduct 74 Workshops at 41 Centres by 25 Nominated Banks.

27. FEDAI’s Training Activities

a. Orientation Workshops on Foreign Exchange Business

During the year under review 44 workshops have been conducted by 22 nominated banks at 27 centres imparting training to 1200 bank officers. The nominated banks, as in the past, have conducted these programmes enthusiastically and with professional expertise. The list of banks who conducted FEDAI Workshops during the year is given at the end of this report.

b. Special Programmes

One-day Workshop on “Exchange Traded Currency Futures”

The report of the Reserve Bank of India – SEBI Standing Technical Committee on Exchange Traded Currency Futures details the scheme for the introduction of Exchange Traded Currency Futures.

A One-day workshop on “Exchange Traded Currency Futures” was organized by FEDAI on Thursday the 26th June 2008 at South Side Lobby, Ground Floor, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai. The workshop was attended by 93 participants. The workshop was inaugurated by our Chairman Mr K Venkataraman. Mr Salim Gangadharan, Chief General Manager – in – Charge, Foreign Exchange Department, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai delivered the Key Note address. The eminent speakers were Mr Ashish Ghiya, Derivium Capital and Mr Sayee Srinivasan, Director, APMD, CME. Mr Sujit Prasad, General Manager, SEBI was present at the Interactive Session. The workshop was rated very well by the participants.

During the year 3 training programmes, as detailed below, were organised in certain specialised areas, 79 officers from our member banks attended these programmes.

LIST OF SPECIALISED COURSES CONDUCTED BY FEDAI (APRIL 2008 TO MARCH 2009)

Sr. No.	Courses	Duration	Dates	No. of Participants
1	Workshop on “Foreign Trade Policy” at Mumbai	1 day	18 th June 2008	30

2	Workshop on “Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and Business Opportunities for ADs” at Mumbai	1 day	12 th August, 2008	19
3	Workshop on “Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and Business Opportunities for ADs” at Bank of Baroda, New Delhi	1 day	28 th August 2008	30

c) Conference on USD Cheque Clearance for Urban Co-operative Banks

Conference on USD Cheque Clearance for Urban Co-operative Banks was organised on Tuesday 24th March 2009. 23 Officers from 9 Co-operative Banks, who are our members, participated in the programme. The conference was inaugurated by Shri A. K. Khound, Chief General Manager-in-Charge, Urban Banks Department, Reserve Bank of India. Shri P. Vasudevan, Deputy General Manager, Department of Payments and Settlement Systems (DPSS), Reserve Bank of India gave an overview of DPSS guidelines on cheque collection policy. Senior officials from Mumbai Representative Office of Wachovia Bank, N. A. spoke on basics of USD cheque clearance, Salient provisions of Check 21 Act, Cheque truncation, Risk Management and prevention of fraud.

28. Acknowledgement

We place on record our sincere thanks to the Governor, Deputy Governors, Executive Directors, Chief General Managers-in-Charge and senior officials of Foreign Exchange Department, Forex Market Division, Department of Banking Operations and Development, Department of Payments Settlement System, Department of External Investments and Operations, Department of Banking Supervision and Urban Banking Department of Reserve Bank of India for their valuable support. We are thankful to all our members for their unstinted co-operation. We greatly appreciate the valuable contributions made by the representatives of member banks of the various Sub-Committees. We place on record our sincere thanks to the member banks who were nominated to conduct the Orientation Workshops and to all those who provided faculty support for conducting the Workshops successfully. We thank Forex Association of India, FIMMDA, Foreign Exchange Brokers’ Association of India, Indian Banks’ Association, The Clearing Corporation of India Limited and Indian Institute of Banking and Finance, for their valuable support.

We place on record our sincere appreciation of the services rendered by the Chief Executive, the Deputy Chief Executive, the Officers and the staff of FEDAI for their contribution and commitment in furthering the objectives of FEDAI.

For and on behalf of the Managing Committee

**(K VENKATARAMAN)
CHAIRMAN**

Date: 14th August, 2009

**List of Nominated Banks who conducted FEDAI One-Week Orientation
Workshops on FOREX during the period 1st April 2008 – 31st March 2009**

NOMINATED BANKS		CENTRES
1	Allahabad Bank	Kolkata, Lucknow
2	Andhra Bank	Hyderabad
3	Bank of Baroda	Chennai, Jaipur, Mumbai, New Delhi
4	Bank of India	Navi Mumbai, Noida
5	Bank of Maharashtra	Nagpur, Pune
6	Canara Bank	Bangalore, Chennai
7	Central Bank of India	Chennai, Kochi, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai
8	Corporation Bank	Mangalore
9	Indian Bank	Chandigarh, Chennai, Guntur, Madurai, Mumbai
10	Indian Overseas Bank	Chennai, Tirupur
11	Punjab National Bank	Kolkata
12	State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur	Jaipur
13	State Bank of Hyderabad	Secunderabad, Visakhapatnam
14	State Bank of India	Baroda, Kolkata, Varanasi
15	State Bank of Indore	Indore
16	State Bank of Mysore	Bangalore
17	State Bank of Patiala	Gurgaon
18	State Bank of Travancore	Thiruvananthapuram
19	Syndicate Bank	Mumbai, New Delhi
20	Union Bank of India	Mumbai
21	United Bank of India	Kolkata
22	Vijaya Bank	Bangalore

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Members of the Managing Committee

Allahabad Bank
AXIS Bank Limited (**Additional Vice Chairman**)
Bank of America N A
Bank of Baroda
Bank of India
Bank of Maharashtra
BNP Paribas (**Vice Chairman**)
Calyon Bank
Canara Bank
Central Bank of India
Corporation Bank
Citibank N A
Dena Bank
Deutsche Bank AG
The Federal Bank Limited
HDFC Bank Limited
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
ICICI Bank Limited
IndusInd Bank Limited
IDBI Bank Limited
Oriental Bank of Commerce
Punjab National Bank
State Bank of India (**Chairman**)
Standard Chartered Bank
Syndicate Bank
Union Bank of India
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